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All numbers are reported as percentages unless otherwise noted.
Some questions may add up to more/less than 100% due to rounding.

2. COUNTY
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| King | 58 % |
| Pierce | 22 % |
| Snohomish | 20 % |
4. SEX (RECORD FROM OBSERVATION)
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| Male | 47 % |
| Female | 53 % |

Hello, my name is . May I speak to (NAME ON LIST).

Hello, my name is and I'm taking a survey for _____. We're trying to find out how the people in the Puget (“PYEW-jet”) Sound region feel about some of the issues facing them. This is not a sales or telemarketing call, I'd like to ask you about your opinion on some issues on a strictly confidential basis.

5. Are you registered to vote at this address?
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| Yes----->CONTINUE | 100 % |
| No-----> (TERMINATE) | |
6. Do you feel things in the Puget Sound Region are generally going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten off on the wrong track?
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|-----------------|------|
| Right direction | 44 % |
| Wrong track | 42 % |
| (Don't know) | 14 % |

7. What do you think is the most important problem facing the Puget Sound region today? (**ONE RESPONSE**)

Transit Issues/Rails/Not Enough Pub. Transport	24 %
Traffic congestion	23 %
Road Construction/Lack Highways	5 %
Overpopulation	5 %
High Taxes	4 %
Govn't Officials/Lib. Dem/bureaucracy	4 %
Environmental Concerns/Pollution/Disasters	4 %
Education/Schools/Teachers	4 %
Jobs/Employment	3 %
Economy/Prices too high/Poverty	3 %
Health Care/Medical assist/Medicine cost	2 %
Housing Problems/Homelessness	2 %
Budgeting/Taxes not spent properly/lack funds	2 %
Other/DK/Refused	11%

Now I'd like to ask you about transportation spending in Washington State,

8. As you may know, plans are being made for a regional package of transportation investments. Please tell me which comes closest to your view.

A transportation package should invest in roads and mass transit, but a much larger share should be devoted to roads to be effective	30
Any transportation package must balance investments in roads and mass transit to be effective	29
Any transportation package should invest in roads and mass transit, but a much larger share should be devoted to mass transit to be effective	35
(Other/Undecided)	6

9. One proposal for a regional transportation package would spend about six billion dollars on mass transit and seven billion dollars on roads. It would extend light rail to the Eastside, to Northgate, and to a few miles past of SeaTac Airport, and add more regional buses and more commuter rail service. It would replace the five twenty bridge and the Alaskan way viaduct, add lanes to eye four oh five on the Eastside, and extend H oh vee lanes on one sixty seven. It would also complete two missing freeway sections; the extension of five oh nine between Sea Tac and eye five, and the extension of one sixty seven between (**'pew-ALL-up'**) Puyallup and Tacoma. The package will also replace and widen the (**'hue-IT'**) Hewitt avenue trestle on highway two, and widen state route nine from Clearwater to Lake Stevens. In general, would you support or oppose this package? (IF SUPPORT) Would that be strongly or somewhat support? (IF OPPOSE) Would that be strongly or somewhat oppose?

Strongly Support	36	
Somewhat Support	30	=> 66
Somewhat Oppose	9	
Strongly Oppose	16	=> 25
(Undecided/DK)	9	

10. Whether you support or oppose it, what do you think is the best feature of this package?
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| More transit/More transportation | 19 % |
| Light Rail/Expansion of | 15 % |
| Fix highways/More lanes/Expansion of | 13 % |
| Build more roads/Ring road/Reconstruction of | 10 % |
| AK viaduct replacement | 7 % |
| Nothing/No best feature | 5 % |
| Reconstruction 520 bridge | 4 % |
| Whole thing/general positive comments | 3 % |
| Wide coverage/Comprehensive/Balanced | 3 % |
| Will ease traffic | 2 % |
| Will speed up finishing freeways | 2 % |
| Other/DK/Refused | 17 % |
11. Based on what you have heard, which is closest to your view?
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| The package is a good balance of roads and transit investments | 35 |
| The package needs more mass transit | 28 |
| This package needs more roads | 28 |
| (Don't Know/Undecided) | 9 |
12. And again, whether you support or oppose it, do you think this package will help fight traffic congestion in the Puget Sound, or will it not help? (IF HELP) Do you think it will help a great deal or be somewhat helpful? (IF NOT HELP) Do you think it will not help at all or will it not help much?
- | | |
|----------------------|----------|
| Help a Great Deal | 30 |
| Somewhat helpful | 45 => 75 |
| Will not help much | 10 |
| Will not help at all | 8 => 18 |
| (Other/Undecided) | 6 |

I'd like to tell you more about the mass transit and road components of this package.

I will first ask you about

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[ROTATE SECTION 1 AND 2]

[BEGIN SECTION 1]

the mass transit items in this package. After each one, I'd like you to tell me how high a priority that item is to you, using a scale of one to seven, where one means that item is the lowest priority for you, and seven means that item is the highest priority for you.

SCALE:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Mean
Lowest priority				Highest priority			(DK)	

(BEFORE EACH: This package...)

(RANDOMIZE)

13.	will extend light rail across eye ninety to connect Redmond through Bellevue to Seattle	18	6	7	8	17	14	28	2	4.60
14.	will extend light rail north to Northgate	20	8	8	11	16	12	22	2	4.25
15.	will extend light rail a few miles south of Sea Tac Airport	21	8	10	9	18	10	21	2	4.12
16.	will add more park and ride lots and transit centers throughout the region	10	5	7	14	23	17	23	2	4.78
17.	will expand express bus service between suburban cities and urban centers	9	4	9	11	22	18	25	2	4.90
18.	will increase commuter rail trips during the workday between Everett and Seattle	16	7	8	10	19	16	22	2	4.48
19.	will increase commuter rail trips during the workday between Lakewood and Seattle	18	9	9	10	19	13	15	6	4.10

(END RANDOMIZE)

[END SECTION 1]

Now I would like to ask you about

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the roads items in this package. After each one, I'd like you to tell me how high a priority that item is to you, using a scale of one to seven, where one means that item is the lowest priority for you, and seven means that item is the highest priority for you.

SCALE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Mean
	Lowest priority				Highest priority			(DK)	

(BEFORE EACH: This package...)

(RANDOMIZE)

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| 20. | will replace and expand the five twenty bridge with wider lanes, a pedestrian and bicycle sidewalk, and one new h oh vee lane in each direction | 11 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 19 | 17 | 25 | 3 | 4.79 |
| 21. | will replace the Alaskan way viaduct with a tunnel | 27 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 14 | 10 | 23 | 4 | 4.03 |
| 22. | will add two lanes in each direction to eye four oh five between North Renton and Bellevue | 10 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 18 | 17 | 29 | 2 | 4.94 |
| 23. | will add a lane to state route one sixty seven between Renton and North Kent, and make improvements at some of the corridor's most congested choke points | 9 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 20 | 16 | 25 | 3 | 4.80 |
| 24. | will extend the h oh vee lanes on state route one sixty seven from Auburn to (‘SUM-ner’) Sumner | 15 | 8 | 14 | 13 | 19 | 11 | 16 | 4 | 4.13 |
| 25. | will build the new cross base highway in Pierce County between state route seven and eye five | 16 | 11 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 3.74 |
| 26. | will complete the missing segment of state route one six seven between Puyallup and Tacoma | 12 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 14 | 20 | 5 | 4.43 |
| 27. | will complete the missing segment of state route five oh nine between Sea Tac Airport and eye five, and add lanes to eye five from the completed five oh nine to Federal Way | 9 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 22 | 16 | 21 | 3 | 4.74 |
| 28. | will add a lane in each direction to state route one sixty two and make intersection improvements between (‘OR-ting’) Orting and Sumner | 21 | 13 | 16 | 12 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 10 | 3.40 |
| 29. | will add more access points to portions of eye five in South Snohomish County | 14 | 9 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 11 | 11 | 6 | 3.99 |
| 30. | will widen state route nine and improve intersections from Clearwater to Lake Stevens | 19 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 3.76 |
| 31. | will replace and widen the (‘hue-IT’) Hewitt Avenue trestle on highway two in Everett | 16 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 14 | 9 | 3.84 |

(END RANDOMIZE)

[END SECTION 2]**[END ROTATE SECTION]**

32. Given what you have heard, would you support or oppose the regional transportation package I have described? (IF SUPPORT) Would that be strongly or somewhat support? (IF OPPOSE) Would that be strongly or somewhat oppose?
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|------------------|----|-------|
| Strongly Support | 37 | |
| Somewhat Support | 34 | => 71 |
| Somewhat Oppose | 9 | |
| Strongly Oppose | 12 | => 21 |
| (Undecided/DK) | 8 | |
33. And again, whether you support or oppose it, do you think this package will help fight traffic congestion in the Puget Sound, or will it not help? (IF HELP) Do you think it will help a great deal or be somewhat helpful? (IF NOT HELP) Do you think it will not help at all or will it not help much?
- | | | |
|----------------------|----|-------|
| Help a Great Deal | 38 | |
| Somewhat helpful | 41 | => 79 |
| Will not help much | 11 | |
| Will not help at all | 6 | => 17 |
| (Other/Undecided) | 4 | |
34. One proposal to pay for this package would include the following: An increase of five tenths of one percent in sales taxes, which is five cents for every purchase of ten dollars, tolls on the new five twenty bridge and the Alaskan Way viaduct, and an increase of eight tenths of one percent in the motor vehicle tax based on the value of your vehicle, which costs eighty dollars a year for a ten thousand dollar car. Tolls will be collected by an electronic system that will not slow down traffic. Knowing this, would you support or oppose this transportation package? (IF SUPPORT) Would that be strongly or somewhat support? (IF OPPOSE) Would that be strongly or somewhat oppose?
- | | | |
|------------------|----|-------|
| Strongly Support | 24 | |
| Somewhat Support | 27 | => 51 |
| Somewhat Oppose | 15 | |
| Strongly Oppose | 30 | => 45 |
| (Undecided/DK) | 4 | |

- 34A. Some people say we should pay for this transportation plan entirely through tolls. These tolls would vary depending on the time of day. On average, a toll for a single driver would be five to ten cents per mile. Supporters say tolls make more sense because people only pay for what they use; tolls can be collected without slowing down traffic; and the higher cost at peak times will encourage people to prioritize their travel, which will help manage traffic congestion. Opponents say tolls are unfair because they result in double taxation for roads; they penalize people who have to drive at peak times for work and people who can't afford to live close to work; and they will hurt our economy by making travel more expensive. Would you support or oppose using only tolls, and not raising any other taxes, to pay for this transportation package? (IF SUPPORT) Would that be strongly support or somewhat support? (IF OPPOSE) Would that be strongly oppose or somewhat oppose?

Strongly Support	28	
Somewhat Support	15	=> 43
Somewhat Oppose	15	
Strongly Oppose	39	=> 54
(Undecided/DK)	3	

35. Now I'm going to read you two choices for replacing the Alaskan Way Viaduct, and I'd like you to tell me which one you prefer. (IF UNDECIDED: Well, which one do you lean towards?)

The Alaskan Way Viaduct should be replaced with a similar structure	40	
(Lean replace with similar)	4	=> 44
OR		
The Alaskan Way Viaduct should be replaced with a tunnel along		
Seattle's waterfront that has the same capacity as the current viaduct	39	
(Lean tunnel)	2	=> 41
(Other)	2	
(Undecided)	12	
(Refused)	1	

36. Some people say that the Viaduct should be rebuilt with a similar structure. They say a rebuild is much cheaper, doesn't require more taxes, is much less likely to have cost overruns like a tunnel might, and would retain the views of the Sound and Olympics for drivers. Others say that the tunnel isn't much more expensive, but is worth it because it will remove the barrier between Seattle's waterfront and downtown, and will reduce traffic noise around the waterfront. Given this, do you think (IF UNDECIDED: Well, which one do you lean towards?)

The Alaskan Way Viaduct should be replaced with a similar structure	50	
(Lean replace with similar)	2	=> 52
OR		
The Alaskan Way Viaduct should be replaced with a tunnel along Seattle's		
waterfront that has the same traffic carrying capacity as the current viaduct	37	
(Lean tunnel)	2	=> 39
(Other)	1	
(Undecided)	8	

37. In order to build light rail to the Eastside, the reversible lanes across eye ninety would need to be converted for train only operation; cars and buses would no longer be able to travel on the reversible lanes. An h oh vee lane would be added in each direction to the main bridge deck to compensate, but travel times between Bellevue and Seattle would increase by up to fifteen minutes for people driving alone during peak commute times. When it is completed, light rail would run every seven minutes at peak times between Redmond, Bellevue, and Seattle, and it would take thirty minutes to ride the line from one end to the other. Knowing this, should light rail be installed in reversible lanes, or not? (IF UNDECIDED) Well, which way do you lean, towards installing light rail or not installing light rail?

Light Rail should be installed	64	
(Lean light rail should be installed)	2	=> 66
(Lean Light Rail should NOT be installed)	1	
Light Rail should NOT be installed	24	=> 25
(Don't Know/Undecided)	9	
(Refused)	1	

38. Some people have said we have too many transportation agencies in the area, which means it's difficult to know who's accountable for what projects. They say consolidation would increase efficiency and accountability. Others say unifying these agencies is a mistake. They say it will delay projects and increase costs. They also say current local agencies increase accountability because local citizens know who to talk to about problems. If unifying these agencies were part of the package we've been talking about, would you be more likely or less likely to support it? (IF MORE LIKELY OR LESS LIKELY: Would that be (MUCH OR SOMEWHAT) (MORE OR LESS) likely?)

Much more likely	26	
Somewhat more likely	30	=> 56
Somewhat less likely	13	
Much less likely	13	=> 26
(Don't know)	13	
(No difference)	6	

Now, I'd like to ask you some questions for statistical purposes only.

39. How often do you travel to work or appointments outside your home in an average week? Is it
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|----------------------|----|
| Every day | 29 |
| Five days a week | 31 |
| A few days a week | 22 |
| Only occasionally | 17 |
| (Don't Know/Refused) | 2 |

40. What is your age? (**READ CODES IF NECESSARY**)

18-24	2
25-29	3
30-34	3
35-39	7
40-44	10
45-49	10
50-54	15
55-59	12
60-64	10
Over 65	24
(Refused)	2